

THIRD EDITION

GREAT TRAGEDY!

Arrest of Antoine Ganther, the Murderer of the Deering Family.

HE IS CAPTURED AT TWENTY-THIRD AND MARKET STREETS.

An Important Accomplice Still at Large.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE MURDERER.

His Full Confession of the Crime

A SEARCHING EXAMINATION BY MAYOR McMICHAEL.

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of the criminal is Anthony Ganter; born in Germany, and is about 30 years old. He was arrested last evening, at 8 P. M., by officers Thomas Weldon, James Dorsey, and James Atkinson, at Twenty-third and Market.

On seeing him Officer Dorsey ran in front of him, and suddenly remarked, "You are German," which he denied, stating that he was a Frenchman. He was then taken to the Station House and locked up. Mrs. Dolan, the mother of Mrs. Keating, was sent for, and upon her arrival immediately identified the prisoner.

Since yesterday we have obtained the following additional particulars of the terrible tragedy:

Yesterday Mrs. Dolan, mother of Elizabeth, one of the victims, came to the city, and from her much information of an interesting character was obtained. In regard to the missing German, she says that he was first employed by Mr. Deering last fall, and that his sullessness and unusual disposition made him generally disliked. The repugnance of Mrs. Deering to him was so great that she prevailed upon her husband to discharge him. He only returned a few weeks ago, and stated to Mr. Deering that he had been to Germany, and that he had returned to this country in consequence of not being able to get employment. As he was out of money, he offered to work for his board if he were taken in. He was engaged at ten dollars a month, which sum he was to receive until times were better. She says that her daughter had a black leather traveling bag, with a key, which contained some dresses and other clothing; also, several toys, which she had purchased for the children. The bag and contents, except the toys, are missing. They were found in the cradle. Mrs. Dolan also says that her daughter had two or three finger rings, and a hundred and twenty dollars—two fifty-dollar bills and a twenty-dollar bill. The rings and money were carried off. She has also received information that her daughter did not accompany Mr. Deering to the house on Saturday, that he missed her in the city, and that she went to the farm alone, probably reaching it a short time before he did.

The name of the German has not been ascertained to a certainty. Some said that they always heard him called Anthony. A receipt was found among the papers of Mr. Deering bearing his supposed name. It reads as follows: PHILADELPHIA, 11th March, 1866.—Received of C. Deering one week's wages in full up to this date. THOMAS ALMON.

It is quite evident that this receipt was never written by the German, as to the present whereabouts of this man we are unable to conjecture. As far as is known he was not seen about the place later than Friday.

We have ascertained other facts as to the whereabouts of Mr. Deering on Saturday morning, the day he was last seen. Detective Tryon visited the Wharton market, on Moyamensing avenue, yesterday, to find out the person from whom Mr. Deering purchased his meat. This was ascertained to be a Mrs. Greenwill, who, upon being questioned, stated that Mr. Deering came to her stall on Saturday morning, and bought six pounds of beef at fifteen cents per pound; that while she was attending to him, he pulled out a splendid gold watch and chain, which she had at it. He said it was about 9 o'clock, and he had to stop at Mr. Mitchell's, and then he at the steamboat landing by eleven to meet his cousin who was coming from Burlington. She did not see him afterwards. This lady seemed quite certain about his having a gold watch and chain with him. These articles were not found upon his body nor in the house. Mr. Mitchell corroborated the statement of Mrs. Greenwill, having stopped at his house on Saturday morning. No one has yet been found who saw him after he left Mr. Mitchell. In regard to the muddy shoes found in the house, they belonged to Mr. Deering instead of the German, as was at first supposed. Several persons who were shown, at once said they were "Christy's clogs."

THE BODIES OF THE VICTIMS. After the examination of the bodies, they were removed to Mr. Garland's place, on Barker street, about sixteenth, who has been designated as the undertaker by the relatives of the deceased. The body of the boy, Cornelius, was also removed to the same place. We did not learn what arrangements had been made in reference to the funeral.

FIRE AT THE UNDERTAKER'S. About 8 o'clock last evening a gas-meter exploded on the first floor of the building in which the bodies had been placed. The coffins containing their remains were upon the second floor. Fortunately the fire was discovered, and extinguished before it gained any headway. Here no person was injured, and the building would have been destroyed, and the bodies have shared the same fate.

A CURRENT STORY. We learned yesterday that a man appeared on Passyunk road, near the County Prison, on Sunday morning, and desired to be directed to the Reading Railroad depot. He was a foreigner, and could scarcely speak English. Since the developments of the massacre, those of whom he inquired recollect to have seen stains on his clothing, which they now believe was blood.

THE FUNERAL NOTICE. DEERING.—On the 7th instant, CHRISTOPHER DEERING, aged 38 years; a son, JULIA DEERING, aged 45 years; their son, JOHN DEERING, aged 8 years; their son, THOMAS DEERING, aged 8 years; their daughter, EMILY DEERING, aged 4 years; their daughter, ELIZABETH DEERING, aged 2 years; his niece, ELIZABETH DOLAN, aged 25 years; and CORNELIUS C. CAREY, aged 17 years. Their remains were interred at the cemetery at St. Mary's Cemetery.

No person will be admitted to view the bodies without the consent of the family.

After the identification by Mrs. Dolan he acknowledged to the officer that he had killed the boy. He was then placed in a carriage, and in charge of Chief Ruggles and Officer Patton, was driven to the station at Fifth and Chesnut streets.

Taylor and other officials, the purport of which was not made public. An arrow was despatched from the office of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH this morning to secure a faithful representation of the culprit, which we give above.



PORTRAIT OF ANTOINE GANTHER, one of the Murderers of the Deering Family.

(Drawn from Life, and Engraved Expressly for THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.)

The Examination Before the Mayor.

About a quarter to 11 o'clock this morning the Chief of Police, accompanied by one or two officers, proceeded to the cell of the murderer, just after he had been privately engaged with the Coroner, and requested him to accompany him. Ganther rose from the bench, and with an officer on each side of him, and closely followed by the Chief of Police, he was escorted through the cellar of the station up a back pair of stairs, and from thence up into the Mayor's office. A number of representatives of the press, members of Councils, and other privileged characters followed closely on the heels of Ganther, and pressed around him, anxious to get a glance at his personal appearance, which has been fully described in another part of this narrative.

Entering the large room which adjoins the Mayor's private office, the figure of the murderer broke on the view of the surprised Police Lieutenants, who were all seated around waiting to make a return of their morning reports to the Chief of Police. At once each Lieutenant rose to his feet, and in a few seconds the prisoner was surrounded by a cordon of police officials. The prisoner was the subject of some comments at the hands of a number of the Police Lieutenants.

They gazed earnestly at him, and Ganther glanced furtively at the flashing eyes which were riveted upon him. After standing a few minutes until an officer went into the Mayor's private office to pave the way for a private interview, Ganther was marched across the room and through the door leading into the Mayor's private office.

The Mayor and the prisoner had a private interview for a few moments, when the reporter of THE TELEGRAPH, and a very few other individuals, were permitted to enter.

Our reporter on entering found the prisoner seated on a chair at a large square table, and at the other side of the table sat his Honor, Mayor McMichael—the Mayor and prisoner sitting *vis-a-vis*. The Chief of Police, Mayor's clerk, the President of Common Council, a few members of Councils, two or three prominent city officials, and the reporter for THE TELEGRAPH stood around the table in quiet groups, bending their ears to catch every word that was said.

The prisoner was perfectly cool and collected, and during the lengthy cross-examination he went through, at the hands of the Mayor, exhibited the greatest self-possession. He answered every question in the most unreserved manner, and stated at one time that he had nothing whatever to conceal.

At one time, when the Mayor put a question to him regarding his family, the prisoner became melancholy, and slightly agitated. His face colored, and his eyes were moistened with tears, but they quickly passed away, and he resumed his manner of stolid indifference.

It was the subject of general notice that during the rigid examination at the hands of the Mayor, the prisoner did not contradict himself in a single instance. He spoke broken English with tolerable distinctness, but occasionally when in doubt as to the meaning of a question put by the Mayor, the services of Mr. George Mook, the Mayor's private Messenger, was brought into requisition, who acted as interpreter.

The manner of the prisoner would indicate that he was stricken with remorse; for when questioned as to whether he did not fear being arrested while loafing about the city, he said:—"He did not care, as he knew it would be all right when he was caught."

The Mayor's system of questioning the prisoner was admirable, and eminently calculated to draw forth correct answers. He called the prisoner by his Christian name, "Antoine," and put leading questions in a kind and quiet manner.

How the Murder was Committed.

The private examination before the Mayor elicited the fact that the murder was committed in the following manner:—

On Friday last, Ganther's accomplice in the terrible tragedy came over to Mr. Deering's, and proposed to Ganther that they should murder the family and rob the house. Ganther consented to the plan proposed by his accomplice, and it was arranged that Ganther should murder the boy, while the other man despatched the rest of Mr. Deering's family.

into the corn crib adjoining the barn, and then proceeding to the house, took the children, one by one to the barn, when their heads were knocked in with the butt end of the axe and their throats cut. As fast as one was dealt with in this manner his body was thrown into the corn-crib, and the process continued until the whole family were disposed of.

While the accomplice was thus engaged, Ganther proceeded to murder the boy Cornelius. He overtook him at the haystack, and struck him on the back of the head with an axe, after which he cut his throat, and then hid the body under the hay.

The fiendish plot being accomplished, the two murderers proceeded to the house and lay in wait for Mr. Deering and Mrs. Elizabeth Dolan. They arrived home about 12 o'clock, and as soon as Mr. Deering had deposited his carriage in the wagon-house, the accomplice (according to Ganther's statement) attacked them both, knocking them in the head and cutting their throats. After which, the bodies were carried to the barn and placed where they were discovered. The accomplice then proceeded to the house, and after collecting together all the valuables they could gather, deliberately sat down and eat their dinner, when they left and came to the city.

The verbatim report of the Mayor's interview with the prisoner, given below, furnishes the reader with a full account of after proceedings on the part of the murderers.

EXAMINATION BEFORE MAYOR McMICHAEL.

(Photographically Reported Exclusively for The Evening Telegraph by our Special Reporters.)

Question (by the Mayor). How was it that the lady (meaning Mrs. Deering) was murdered?

A. One or the other from the house. I got my work, and asked her to go out to the barn to find work for him.

Q. (No person referred to by the prisoner was an accomplice, whose name cannot at present, for practical reasons, be given.)

Q. He induced her to go in the barn?

Q. (Addressed to Mr. George Mook, Mayor's Messenger, who put the question to the prisoner in German.) Ask him if he said the man killed her in the barn?

A. Yes, in the stable—in the barn.

Q. How did he get the axe into there?

A. One or the other from the house.

Q. He took them out one after the other, and killed them after he got them out?

A. Yes.

Q. Deering came home about dinner time, did he not?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. He came alone, or bring a lady with him?

A. Yes.

Q. That was on Friday?

A. Yes.

Q. You were not drunk on Saturday, in the morning, when Mr. Deering went away? You were sober then?

A. I was drunk on Saturday.

Q. You drank then, did you, on Saturday, early in the morning?

A. Yes.

Q. He killed the woman, you say?

A. Yes.

Q. And the children?

A. Yes.

Q. Who took off Mr. Deering's boots?

A. He got the boots.

Q. Who got the clothes?

A. He put on Mr. Deering's black coat.

Q. You did not make up a bundle of things to be carried away?

A. He got the carpet bag and put what he could in it.

Q. Who got the pair of big horseman's boots? Do you know anything about them?

A. No. (The prisoner here pulled up one pant-leg above the top of his boot, to indicate the size of the boots referred to.)

attendance, and everything is being done that propriety could suggest. Very properly, all public exhibition of the remains has been denied, excepting to those of the friends of the family and those having official business with the affair. A strong posse of police is in attendance, and no obtrusive stranger is permitted to force his unwelcome presence upon the house of mourning. The funeral will be conducted with decorum, but will naturally create considerable excitement. The funeral ceremonies will certainly be the saddest that ever occurred in this city. Eight mutilated corpses borne to their last home is a sight only seen in one generation.

After the hearing before Chief Franklin, the prisoner was taken to Cobhill's Photograph Gallery, on Chesnut street, for the purpose of securing the counterfeit presentation of the criminal. The street in front of the establishment was constantly crowded, and intense anxiety was shown to catch a glimpse of the murderer, but such was the perfection of the police arrangements that the crowd was kept at some distance from the doors. The portrait obtained is said to be an admirable one, and will certainly become of historic value.

From Harrisburg. HARRISBURG, April 7.—Colonel James Worrell, of this city, has been appointed Commissioner to superintend the opening of the dams in the Susquehanna river and its tributaries, for the free passage of fish, in pursuance of the act passed at the last session of the Legislature.

Movements of Steamers. BOSTON, April 13.—The Asia has arrived from Halifax.

HALIFAX, April 13.—The China sailed at 11 o'clock last night for Liverpool.

Death of Mr. Dickinson. NEW YORK, April 13.—Daniel S. Dickinson died in this city this morning.

Markets by Telegraph. NEW YORK, April 13.—Cotton is steady at 36c for middling. Flour closed 52 1/2c higher; sales 6,000 bbls; State, 40 5/8c; Ohio, 40 3/8c; Western, 40 5/8c; Corn, 40 1/2c; Sugar, 40 1/2c; Coffee, 40 1/2c; Tea, 40 1/2c; Lard, 40 1/2c; Wool, 40 1/2c.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE. COURT OF QUARTER SESSIONS.—Allison, P. J.—Prison cases are still before the Court.

John Still, charged with stealing an overcoat, two pairs of pants, and a cloak, altogether worth \$11, the property of Otto Myers, residing No. 616 St. Mary's street.

Elizabeth Fithian was charged with stealing a coat and other clothing, the property of John Cronan. It appeared from the testimony in the parties had been living together, and that having quarreled and separated the defendant took the clothing in question, claiming it as her own.

Robert Gilliam was charged with a charge of assault and battery upon Officer Barling. It turned out upon the trial that the defendant was merely resisting the attempt of the officer to make an illegal arrest.

Joseph Murphy, John Stout, and William Ford were charged with attempted robbery on Mr. Chesnut, on Easter Sunday. Stout was acquitted, and Ford pleaded guilty. Murphy was convicted, and there being a question of identity in the case of Stout, he was acquitted.

—Mr. George Peabody is expected to arrive in this country during the present month.

—Thiers has obtained the permission of the French Government to publish the speech he delivered at the opening of the session.

—Girardin has just published in the Revue des Deux Mondes a new comedy entitled Le Danger d'être Brûlé.

—Sir John Bowring is about to publish in England a fresh volume of translations from an almost unknown poet. His author this time is Petöfi, a Magyar poet.

—A new fortnightly antiquarian journal has been started at Toulouse, France, under the title of Le Moniteur de l'Archéologie et des Collections.

—The first volume of M. Thayer's "Life of Beethoven" has been published in Berlin. The London Orchestra expresses the hope that it will be printed in English. M. Thayer is now in this country.

The bodies of the murdered Deering and the other two victims of the dreadful atrocity have been lying in ice at the premises of Mr. Simon Garland, at Seventeenth and Barker streets, preparatory to their burial to-morrow at 1 o'clock. They have not yet been prepared for sepulture, but will be during the course of the afternoon and evening. Kind friends are in